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OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Hawaii Solar Energy Association (“HSEA”) hereby joins Blue Planet Foundation’s Memorandum in Partial Opposition to Motion for Interim Approval of a Decoupling Mechanism for Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., and Maui Electric Company, Ltd.<sup>1</sup> filed November 25, 2009. In joining Blue Planet Foundation (“Blue Planet”), HSEA would like to emphasize and comment on the following two aspects of Blue Planet’s Memorandum, which we understand is to be filed on December 3, 2009:

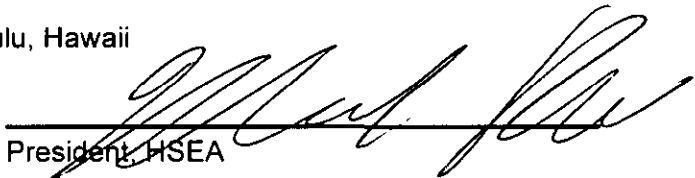
1. Need for a Performance Incentive Mechanism. HSEA wholeheartedly agrees with Blue Planet in their Opening Brief on the instant docket (as we did in joining Haiku Design and Analysis's Opening Brief) that a performance incentive mechanism

<sup>1</sup> Together referred to herein as the "HECO Companies."

("PIM") is appropriate as a *quid pro quo* to ensure that ratepayers will see rapid progress in moving off fossil fuel to renewables and energy efficiency. While the HECO Companies have proposed an "*Interim Performance Metric*," HSEA was not a party to discussions leading to the proposal. Moreover, HSEA has a number of questions regarding the proposal, e.g., why is the metric not symmetrical, how was the goal of 40 MWs established, and why will the implementation of the metric be delayed? Thus, HSEA recommends that the Commission direct the Parties to review and consider revisions to the HECO Companies' proposal.

2. Status of Parties in the Instant Docket. HSEA wholeheartedly support's Blue Planet's recommendation that a final decision on the Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("RAM") should be made in this docket on the basis of trial implementation and further review by the Parties. Moreover, HSEA had anticipated that the docket would remain open, as other dockets have, for "review and maintenance" of policies and procedures approved by the Commission. Thus, we believed said "review and maintenance" on the instant docket would include:
  - a. Design and implementation of both the trial and permanent Revenue Balancing Account ("RBA") and RAM for the HECO Companies.
  - b. Design, implementation and review of a "Performance Incentive Mechanism."
  - c. Ongoing review of approved decoupling activities as appropriate.

Dated: December 3, 2009, Honolulu, Hawaii

  
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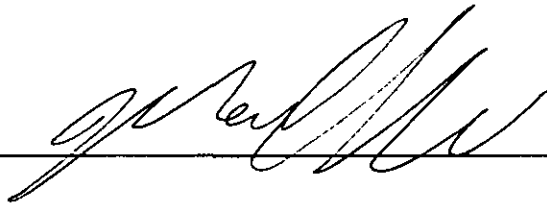
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